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Applicants : NALDINI, et al.

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For : LENTIVIRAL VECTORS CARRYING SYNTHETIC BI-DIRECTIONAL PROMOTERS AND USES THEREOF

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Sir/Madam:

**COMMUNICATION TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DECLARATION AND  
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This Communication is being filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a), to submit a copy of the original Declaration & Power of Attorney, duly executed by the inventors of the above-identified application. A copy of the original Declaration & Power of Attorney is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (2 pages). 37 CFR 1.492(e) states that a surcharge is required for the filing of the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date. Applicants' earliest claimed priority date is April 24, 2003, with the 30-month period expiring on October 24, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants hereby enclose a check in the amount of SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) to cover the above-mentioned surcharge.

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The deadline to submit the Declaration and Power of Attorney is the later of 32 months from the earliest priority date or 2 months from the mailing of the Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, the Declaration and Power of Attorney is being timely submitted.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00), is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891. Conversely, authorization is also hereby given to credit the amount of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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